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COTTON IMPROVEMENT PLANTING SEED PROGRAM

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OFFER OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary of Agriculture of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary), pursuant to Section 32, Public No. 320, 74th Congress, as amended in order to "reestablish farmers' purchasing power by making payments in connection with the normal production of any agricultural commodity for domestic consumption", hereby offers to make payments to cotton improvement planting seed associations (hereinafter referred to as association) in connection with the normal production of cotton for domestic consumption at the rates and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:

1. Payment will be made only to an association holding an application approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative. Such payment will be in addition to any other benefit or indemnity payments to which the association may be entitled in connection with such seed.
2. Such payment will be made at the rate, per 100 pounds net of cotton planting seed (hereinafter referred to as seed), of \$3.00 for Class A seed and \$1.50 for Class B seed.
3. Such seed shall be of the varieties or strains of the varieties designated by the cotton improvement planting seed committee (hereinafter referred to as the committee) and the technical cotton committee (hereinafter referred to as the technical committee): Provided, however, That only one variety or one strain of one variety shall be designated for any one zone, except that the committee and the technical committee may designate not in excess of three sub-zones within a zone and payment will be made in connection with seed of not exceeding two varieties or two strains of one variety or one strain each of two varieties of cotton for any one such sub-zone.
4. Such seed, of the variety or the strain of the variety designated for a zone or sub-zone, must be delivered to growers whose cotton acreages are located in such zone or sub-zone.
5. Payment will be made only in connection with seed delivered to a grower-member of a One Variety Cotton Improvement Association who has expressed, in writing, his intention of planting all of such seed as he may receive pursuant to this program and (1) with respect to Class A seed, who has been qualified as a key-grower in accordance with paragraph 9 hereof, and has been approved as a key-grower by the technical committee, and (2) with respect to Class B seed, who also has expressed, in writing, his intention of planting not less than 10 percent of his 1943 cotton acreage allotment to such seed of the variety or strain

of the variety or varieties or strains of the varieties designated by the committee and the technical committee for the zone or sub-zone in which the cotton acreage of his farm is located.

6. No payment will be made in connection with any quantity of seed unless the association has made payments or advances to the grower at the following rates:

- (a) \$2.25 per 100 pounds in connection with Class A seed;
- (b) \$1.10 per 100 pounds in connection with Class B seed.

Provided, that where it is shown, upon such proof as is hereinafter required that a foundation breeder or a key-grower selling such seed to a grower under this offer, has given credit to such grower on account of the purchase price of such seed at the rate of \$2.25 for each one hundred pounds of Class A seed and \$1.10 for each one hundred pounds of Class B seed, payment by the association to such foundation breeder or key-grower in an amount equivalent to the total amount so credited will be deemed to be payment to such grower as contemplated by this paragraph "6".

7. For the purposes of this program, there shall be constituted, for each participating state, a committee (hereinbefore referred to as the cotton improvement planting seed committee) and a technical committee (hereinbefore referred to as the technical cotton committee). A state board (hereinafter referred to as the board), composed of the Director of Agricultural Extension Service, the Director of Experiment Stations, the Director of the One Variety Cotton Improvement Project of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and the Officer in Charge of the Cotton Branch of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, for such state, shall appoint and designate, respectively, the members of both the committee and the technical committee and the officers of each committee. If recommended by the board and approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative, a participating state may be subdivided into two portions, in which case there shall be constituted a committee for each of such portions. The committee and the technical committee shall designate zones, sub-zones, and varieties, and cause the association to be set up for a state or portion of a state. Insofar as possible, a zone shall be an area where growing conditions are uniform, and in no case shall the number of zones in any one state exceed eight. No payment will be made in connection with seed delivered to growers whose cotton acreages are located in zones other than those approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative.

8. Class A seed shall be seed which have been produced by a foundation breeder and which have been approved by the technical committee. Class B seed shall be seed which have been approved by the technical committee and which were grown in 1942 from seed which were acquired from the foundation breeder between August 1, 1941, and May 30, 1942, both dates inclusive.

9. A key-grower shall be a grower who has the facilities, or who has access to the facilities, which will enable him to grow, in 1943, seed comparable to Class B seed as defined herein and which will enable him to handle such seed



in accordance with the specifications set forth in paragraph 11 hereof.

10. Seed must have been delivered to a grower not later than May 30, 1943, or during any extension of such time made by the Secretary or by his authorized representative. For the purposes of this program, delivery to a carrier for delivery to a grower shall be considered delivery to a grower.

11. Seed must have been grown, picked, handled, ginned, stored, tested for germination, recleaned, treated, packaged, and otherwise prepared for planting purposes in accordance with specifications recommended by the technical committee and approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative.

12. The seed package must have been tagged or branded for identification in a manner approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative.

13. A certificate of an authorized agent of the Secretary shall, for the purposes hereof, be sufficient evidence of the matters, therein contained, in connection with the provisions of paragraphs 4, 11, and 12.

14. No association shall be entitled to payment in connection with the delivery of any particular lot of seed unless it shall have submitted, on or before September 30, 1943, or during any extension of such time made by the Secretary or by his authorized representative, a claim in voucher form, supported by the certification referred to in paragraph 13 hereof, and it shall submit such proof of delivery, and of compliance herewith, as the Secretary or his authorized agent may require.

15. For the verification of the required vouchers and such proof, the association shall make available to the Secretary or to his authorized agents, from time to time, as the Secretary may request, the association's pertinent books, records, accounts, memoranda, documents, papers, and correspondence, and those of its agents, affiliates, and subsidiaries. The determination of the Secretary with respect to pertinency shall be final and conclusive.

16. The quantities of seed which may be delivered, pursuant to any previously approved application, and the maximum amount of payments approved in connection therewith, may be reduced upon approval by the Secretary, or by his authorized representative, of an amended application. The maximum amount which may be paid by the Secretary in connection with such seed shall not exceed the total shown in all applications approved for such association.

17. The Secretary reserves the right to terminate this offer at any time by public announcement thereof: Provided, however, that such termination shall not affect payments to be made in connection with seed delivered pursuant to applications theretofore approved by the Secretary or by his authorized representative.

/s/ Grover B. Hill  
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

